

**REMARKS**

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Various editorial amendments have been made to the specification. It is submitted that no new matter has been added to the application via such amendments.

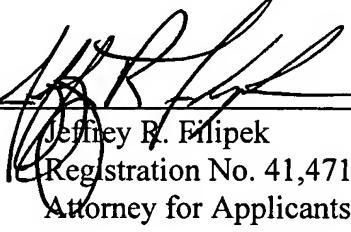
Claim 9 was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claim 8. Accordingly, claim 8 has been canceled and claim 9 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 8 in order to expedite allowance of the application. Therefore, it is submitted that claim 9 is allowable.

Claims 1-7 were indicated as allowed. Minor amendments have been made herein to claims 2 and 3. The nature of these amendments should not affect the allowability of the claims. It is therefore submitted that claims 1-7 remain allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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